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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Patent Application of:  
Kim F. Storm**

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For: METHOD FOR CONFIGURING A  
NETWORK ELEMENT HAVING AN  
UNKNOWN PROTOCOL ADDRESS

Examiner: H. N. Patel

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 13, 2004, applicant hereby provisionally elects Group III as embodied by Claims 12-18, for continued examination, with traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between three groups as follows:

- I. Claims 1-5 and 19-21, drawn to “broadcasting a message including frames to several devices with setting hardware / IP addresses to all addresses on a physical subnet by identifying an unused address and iteratively querying addresses”, classified in class 709, subclass 223.
- II. Claims 6-11 and 24-29, drawn to “receiving messages frames and directing them to a specific port of the device, enabling receipt of the frame directed



However, in the interest of furthering the prosecution of this application, Claims 12-18 are provisionally elected and Claims 1-11, and 19-29 are withdrawn from further prosecution at this time. Additionally, if any further questions remain, please do not hesitate to contact Applicant's attorney based on the contact information listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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